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FOR Farm Family of the WeekDATE Fri. Nov. 9, 1956

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CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
HOUSESLIDE FARM-2
DAIRY BARN

AUDIO

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO COUNTY AGENT ANSEL ESTESS, ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. BARBARA MACMILLAN AND ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT SAM DYER OF WALTHALL COUNTY FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WE SALUTE TODAY AND IN GOING WITH ME TO THE FARM TO OBTAIN THE STORY WE ARE ABOUT TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. PERCY PITTMAN AND THEIR TWO CHILDRE ERNEST AND JEWEL FAY. MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN LIVE IN WALTHALL COUNTY IN THE SALEM COMMUNITY ABOUT 9 MILES NORTHEAST OF TYLERTOWN. MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN OWN 158 ACRES OF FARM LAND. THEY HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 15 YEARS. MRS. PITTMAN GREW TO YOUNG WOMANHOOD IN THE DARWIN COMMUNITY ABOUT THREE MILES FROM THEIR PRESENT HOME, PERCY PITTMAN WAS BORN IN THE NEW ZION COMMUNITY ON A FARM AND MOVED TO THE SALEM COMMUNITY WITH HIS PARENTS WHEN HE WAS TEN YEARS OF AGE. HE AND MRS. PITTMAN BECAME ACQUAINTED AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. AT THE TIME MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN WERE MARRIED PERCY WAS HELPING HIS FATHER TO RUN A DAIRY PROGRAM. WHEN MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN HAD BEEN MARRIED THREE MONTHS THEY BOUGHT 40 ACRES OF THEIR PRESENT LAND.

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SLIDE FARM-3
COWS

THE 40 ACRES WAS RIGHT NEAR PERCY'S FATHER'S FARM AND MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN MOVED INTO A SHOTGUN TENNANT HOUSE AND STARTED OUT ROW CROPPING COTTN AND CORN. HOWEVER, WITHIN A SHORT TIME PERCY PITTMAN GOT BACK INTO THE DAIRY BUSINESS WITH A FEW COWS WHICH HE DROVE OVER TO HIS FATHER'S DAIRY BARN EACH NIGHT AND MORNING TO MILK. WHEN PERCY PITTMAN CAME OUT OF MILITARY SERVICE TEN YEARS AGO HE BOUGHT ANOTHER 40 ACRES OF LAND AND THEN THREE YEARS LATER BOUGHT THE 80 ACRES ON WHCIH THEIR PRESENT LOVELY HOME SETS. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT MR PITTMAN BUILT HIS OWN MODERN GRADE "A" DAIRY BARN AND GOT INTO THE GRADE "A" DAIRY PROGRAM ON A PERMANENT BASIS. AT THE TIME HE BUILT THE BARN HE HAD 8 COWS AND HE PAID FOR THE LUMBER FOR THE BARN AND HAVING IT SAWED BY HAULING LUMBER FOR A NEIGHBOR. TODAY PERCY PITTMAN HAS 42 MILK COWS AND HE AVERAGES MILKING 30 HEAD THE YEAR AROUND. THIS PARTICULAR COW IS A 10,000 POUND PRODUCER. HIS HERD AVERAGE IS 5,600 POUNDS OF MILK PER COW PER YEAR. ALL OF THE COWS ARE TOP QUALITY GRADE COWS BRED FOR HIGH PRODUCTION. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS PERCY PITTMAN HAS USED ARTIFICIAL

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COW

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SLIDE <u>FARM-5</u> COWS NEAR BARN	BREEDING IN HIS HERD? HE HAS A CERTIFIED HERD ON HIS BANGS AND TB TESTS. HE CULLS HIS HERD CLOSELY AND KEEPS ONLY HIGH PRODUCING COWS. FROM NOW ON HERD CULLING IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE CLOSE BECAUSE HE HAS NOW BUILT TO HIS MAXIMUM HERD AND WILL SAVE ONLY HIS FINEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. MILKING IS
SLIDE <u>FARM-6</u> COW IN BARN	^{TWO} DONE WITH X PORTABLE MILKERS IN A SPOTLESSLY CLEAN DAIRY BARN WHERE THE COWS ARE THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND DISINFECTED BEFORE EACH MILKING.
SLIDE <u>FARM-7</u> SCALES	ALL MILK IS WEIGHED ONCE A MONTH FROM EACH COW AND THUS PERCY PITTMAN IS ABLE TO KEEP ACCURATE PRODUCTION RECORDS ON EACH COW. IN THIS CONNECTION HE HAS BEEN ON THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR AND ONE OF THE THINGS HE HAS DONE UNDER THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN TO START WEIGHING HIS MILK AND FEEDING EACH COW ACCORDING TO HERP PRODUCTION. SINCE HIS START OF THIS PRACTICE PERCY PITTMAN HAS ADDED TEN COWS...HIS FEED BILL IS \$600 A YEAR LESS AND MILK PRODUCTIN HAS INCREASED BY \$1400 IN VALUE. ALL BECAUSE HE STARTED FEEDING HIS COWS ACCORDING TO PRODUCTION. PERCY PITTMAN HAS ALWAYS SAVED HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. RIGHT NOW HE HAS 18 HEIFERS IN THE HERD AND WHAT HE
SLIDE <u>FARM-8</u> MILK COOLER	
SLIDE <u>FARM-9</u> HEIFERS	

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SLIDE <u>FARM-10</u> GRAIN BIN	WON'T KEEP TO ADD TO THE HERD HE WILL GET RID OF. ALL CALVES AND DRY COWS ARE TURNED INTO THE CORN FIELDS AFTER PICKING TO PICK UP ANY WASTE GRAIN. BESIDES ABOUT 20 ACRES IN CORN FOR FEED, PERCY PITTMAN PUTS ABOUT 30 ACRES IN OATS. THE OATS ARE GRAZED UNTIL MARCH AND THEN THE CATTLE ARE TAKEN OFF AND SOME ARE CUT FOR HAY AND SOME COMBINED FOR GRAIN. MR. PITTMAN FEEDS ALL HIS OATS EXCEPT ENOUGH FOR SEED. SINCE HE HAS ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM HE HAS STARTED CRIMPING HIS OWN OATS TO FEED HIS CATTLE. AND IT HAS BEEN ONLY SINCE HE ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM THAT HE HAS STARTED RAISING HIS OWN OATS FOR FEED. HOME GROWN GRAINS ARE MIXED WITH THE NECESSARY SUPPLEMENT TO MAKE ABOUT A 14% DAIRY RATION. SINCE ENROLLING IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM PERCY PITTMAN HAS INCREASED HIS HAY PRODUCTION. HE NOW PUTS UP ABOUT 2300 BALES OF HAY EACH YEAR. THIS LARGE HAY BARN PROVIDES GOOD STORAGE SPACE AND IS BUILT WITH FEEDING RACKS FOR THE CATTLE TO MAKE SAVE ON LABOR. BESIDES OATS BALE FOR HAY, OTHER HAY CROPS ARE ALICE CLOVER AND MILO MAISE WHICH IS PLANTED FOLLOWING OATS.
SLIDE <u>FARM-11</u> CRIMPER	
SLIDE <u>FARM-12</u> HAY BARN	
SLIDE <u>FARM-13</u> HAY	

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SLIDE FARM-14
TRENCH SILO

SLIDE FARM-15
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-16
LAND CLEARING

HAY IS FED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND ANY OTHER TIME THAT PASTURE IS SHORT. PERCY PITTMAN FEEDS FOR TOP PRODUCTION REGARDLESS OF THE SEASON OF THE YEAR. WHEN CATTLE ~~NEED~~ ^{NEED} FEED THEY GET IT. HERE WE SEE MR. PITTMAN SHOWING SOME OF HIS HAY TO ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT SAM DYER. AN OTHER IMPORTANT PART OF PERCY PITTMANS FEEDING PROGRAM IS SILAGE. PERCY PLANTS CORN AND SOYBEANS TOGETHER IN HIS FIELDS AND PUTS THEM IN THE SILO TOGETHER FOR SILAGE. HE PUTS UP ABOUT 100 TONS PER YEAR IN THIS TRENCH. HE ALSO FEEDS SILAGE WHEN PASTURES ARE SHORT AS WELL AS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. GRAZING CONSISTS OF 23 ACRES OF PERMANENT PASTURE MADE UP OF COASTAL BERMUDA, BAHAI, DALLIS GRASS, CRIMSON AND WHITE DUTCH CLOVER. BESIDES OATS FOR TEMPORARY GRAZING MR. PITTMAN PUTS OUT 25 ACRES OF MILLET FOR TEMPORARY SUMMER GRAZING. ALL OF HIS CROP AND PASTURE LAND IS TERRACED. HE TESTS HIS SOIL AND FOLLOWS FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS. HE LIMES AND NITRATES HIS PASTURES AND CLIPS THEM FOR WEED CONTROL. RIGHT NOW PERCY PITTMAN IS CLEARING UP 17 ACRES OF SCRUB TIMBER GROWTH FOR ADDITIONAL PASTURE FOR HIS LIVESTOCK. THIS IS THE ONLY THING LEFT TO

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SLIDE FARM-17
TIMBER

BE COMPLETED ON THE FARM PART OF A FIVE YEAR PLAN STARTED ONE YEAR AGO UNDER THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. BELIEVE ME THAT IS REAL INTEREST AND EFFORT TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REAP THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS. PERCY PITTMAN HAS SOME GOOD PINE TIMBER ON HIS FARM AND HE IS PROTECTING IT FROM FIRE. HE PLANS TO START TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT WORK WITHIN ANOTHER YEAR. THIS IS ONLY PART OF 25 ACRES IN PINE YOUNG PINE WHICH WILL BE A REAL CASH CROP IN THE YEARS AHEAD. ~~FRANXXXX~~ ~~XXNNXX~~ MR. PITTMAN'S LAND IS FENC ED AND CROSS FENCED WITH TREATED POSTS FOR LONG LIFE. ~~NRXX~~ HE IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER WITH TWO TRACTORS, A HAY BALER, FERTILIZER SPREADER AND OTHER NEEDED EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE HIS GRAINS AND 18 ACRES OF COTTON. HE HOPES TO ADD A COMBINE AND CORN PICKER THIS YEAR. PERCY PITTMAN HAS ONE TENNANT ON THE FARM WHO SHARECROPS, BUT HE PLANS TO CHANGE HIM OVER TO DAY LABOR SO AS TO HAVE MORE LABOR IN THE OPERATION OF HIS DAIRY PROGRAM. HE DOES NOT PLAN TO PUT ANY OF HIS COTTON LAND IN THE SOIL BANK AND MAY GIVE UP RAISING COTTON ENTIRELY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THERE IS MUCH MORE TO THIS STORY I COULD HAVE

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HOUSE

TOLD WITH PICTURES BUT I MUST CONFESS THAT JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO START TAKING PICTURES INSIDE THE HOUSE MY CAMERA BROKE SO I WAS UNABLE TO SHOOT ANY PICTURES OF A VERY BEAUTIFUL HOME AND WELL ARRANGED HOME WORK AREA. HOWEVER, WHILE WE LOOK AGAIN AT THIS LOVELY PITTMAN HOME LET ME TELL YOU OF SOME OF THEIR FOOD PROGRAM. MRS. PITTMAN WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE ASSOCIATE HOME AGENT. SHE CANS ABOUT 250 QUARTS OF FOOD AND FREEZES ABOUT 1500 POUNDS. SHE KEEPS ABOUT 25 LAYERS FOR FAMILY NEEDS AND HAS A HALF ACRE GARDEN THAT PROVIDES VEGETABLES FOR THE FAMILY. ONE OF MRS. PITTMAN'S PLANS UNDER THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION. LET ME TELL YOU ALSO, SOME MORE OF THE EARLY STRUGGLE TO GET ESTABLISHED ON THIS FARM. THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1952. IT WAS BUILT ON A PLAN FROM FARM AND RANCH MAGAZINES SELECTED BY MR. AND MRS. PITTMAN. THEY LIVED FOR SIX YEARS IN THEIR FIRST TENNANT SHACK AND THEN LIVED IN ANOTHER ONE ABOUT LIKE UNTIL THEY BUILT THIS BEAUTIFUL AND MODERN HOME IN 1952. THOSE EARLY YEARS WERE DIFFICULT YEARS FOR THE PITTMAN FAMILY BUT THEY HAVE PAID OFF IN A SOLID FARM AND HOME

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

PROGRAM WHICH IS BASED ON LOTS OF HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION. MRS. PITTMAN HAS TRAVELED TO FRANKLINTON, LOUISIANA EVERYDAY FOR A LONG TIME TO WORK IN A MANUFACTURING PLANT AS A MACHINE OPERATOR TO HELP MEET FAMILY EXPENSES AND PROVIDE NEEDED MONEY FOR FARM AND HOME IMPROVEMENT. AND STILL SHE MANAGES TO CARE FOR HER FAMILY, PRESERVE HER FOOD AND KEEP UP A COMFORTABLE HOME FOR HER FAMILY. THOSE DAYS ARE ABOUT OVER NOW AND SOON SHE WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME AND BE A NORMAL HOUSEWIFE WHICH SHE HAS LONGED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME. THE SACRIFICE HAVE BEEN GREAT FOR MR. AND MRS. PERCY PITTMAN BUT THEY HAVE MADE THEM FOR A GOAL OF OWNING THEIR FARM AND ESTABLISHING SOMETHING FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IF YOU WOULD ASK IF IT'S WORTHWHILE THE ANSWER WOULD BE AN EMPHATIC YES AND THE STATEMENT THAT THEY'D DO IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN IF NECESSARY FOR THEY KNOW THAT THINGS WORTH HAVING ARE WORTH WORKING FOR AND DOING WITHOUT TO HAVE. THEY ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY BELONG TO THE SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, THE SCHOOL P.T.A. AND MR. PITTMAN IS A SCHOOL TRUSTEE AND MEMBER OF THE WALTHALL COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION. THEY LOVE THEIR

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LAND, THEIR COMMUNITY, THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND THEIR
WAY OF LIFE AND THEY THINK NO SACRIFICE IS TOO
GREAT TO HELP IMPROVE THEM ALL AND BECAUSE OF
THIS BELIEF THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO A
BETTER AGRICULTURE IN MISSISSIPPI. I AM PROUD
AND HAPPY TO SALUTE MR. AND MRS. PERCY PITTMAN
DAUGHTER JEWEL FAY AND SON ERNEST AS TODAY'S
RFD TELEVISIT FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK.

INTERVIEW WITH FAMILY